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H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, March 25, 1885. 522

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or their premises in Hongkong. Business hours from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

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4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Service Post. Postage is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED myself in CANTON and MACAO, as TEA INSPECTOR and GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT under the Style and Title of 'E. W. MITCHELL & Co.'

EDWARD W. MITCHELL

Canton, 19th April, 1885. 646

NOTICE.

DURING Mr. FREDERICK DODWELL'S Absence, Mr. THOMAS MASTERS DERMER will TAKE CHARGE of our Business here, and SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 8, 1885. 702

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.75, in Exchange for BILLS drawn on the Government of India, Calcutta, will be RECEIVED by the DISTRICT PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, till 12, Noon, on TUESDAY, the 12th Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in Ruppees), and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums below Rs. 10,000.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to 'The District Paymaster,' Army Pay Department, and endorsed 'Tenders for Government Bills.'

The right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders is reserved.

ARTHUR GELSTON, Major, Staff Paymaster.

TREASURY CHEST OFFICE,

Queen's Road, Hongkong, 9th May, 1885. 768

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON

CHARATED WATER,

HAVE REMOVED from the BEACONFIELD

ARCADE to larger Premises,

1, DUDDELL STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERADE, SALSIFERATE, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH, Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S.S. Co., having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SLIP and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and REPAIR VESSELS, at moderate rates.

The DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 80 feet broad, and having a depth of water on blocks during tides of 27 feet and neap tides 22 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The heaviest classes of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being erected.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in every variety.

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A BONUS of 15 PER CENT. is given on Contributions for the Year 1884 has THIS Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the OFFICE of the INSTANT on and after

MONDY, the 18th Instant.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 4, 1885. 737

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A First Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the Year 1884 has THIS Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at

the OFFICE of the INSTANT on and after

MONDY, the 18th Instant.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 4, 1885. 737

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N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 25, 1885. 693

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Moderate FEES.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 6707.—MAY 11, 1885.]

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WE HAVE MOVED TO THEIR NEW
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VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
AND ARE SELLING

STORES and other RETAIL ARTICLES
at the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH,
and giving the benefits of the Co-operative
Store system to the Public without the
necessity of Membership. Detailed Prices
will be furnished on application.

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OILMAN'S STORES.
JOHN MORRISON & SONS, LIMITED.

J. T. MORTON'S
OILMAN'S STORES.
MACNAUL & BROTHERS'
LONDON.

OILMAN'S STORES.
AMERICAN OILMAN'S STORES.

WINES, &c.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints and quarts.

1863 GRAVES,
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SACCOFFE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCOFFE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1818).

HUNTS PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

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CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAÇAO.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUNN'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGH'T ALE and PORTER, by the
Gatton.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

TO LET, FROM 1st MAY, 1885.

SHOPS and GODDOWNS, and STORES,
at No. 55 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST
(opposite the Temperance Hall). ALSO
BEDROOMS, SERVANTS and KITCHEN ACCOMMODATION.

Apply to

MACKENZIE & CO.

Hongkong, April 4, 1885. 572

Not Responsible for Debts.

*Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:*

GOODFEL, American Barque, Capt. Wm.
R. Morgan—Admiral Bell & Co.

Malta, British barque, Captain Thos.
Stanford, "captain."

New Crys' British ship, Captain J. C.
Bray—Mabers & Co.

Thierry, British ship, Capt. Colin Fraser—
Messageries Maritimes.

To-day's Advertisements.

TO LIST.

COLLEGE CHAMBERS (late HOTEL
ONE UNTERIS), Single Rooms or
SUITES of APARTMENTS.

No. 4, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 25B, PHRAYA CENTRAL.

No. 44, GRAHAM STREET.

No. 5, PEDDER'S HILL.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

Apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 781

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,

VENICE, TRIESTE,

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND

AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills

of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN

GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,

TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK

AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship TEHARAN, Captain W. J. NANTES, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 21st May, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until

10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be forwarded via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week earlier than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MAZARIEZ.

A. McFEVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 775

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship Diamante, Captain STACH, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 12th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 778

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at Through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW,

CHIANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Laetitia, Captain SCALE, will be despatched for the above on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 773

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Chartered Steamship Jacobin, Captain MASSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Inst., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 774

FOR HOIHOW, SINGAPORE AND

BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer King Bent.

Captain R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Inst., at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 772

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship Atalanta, Captain TAYLOR, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 15th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 779

NOTICE.

THE PEOPLE'S CONCERT COMMITTEE

Be it intimated to the Public of Hongkong that under the distinguished patronage of

H. E. Sir GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G., and

H. E. Major-General CAMERON, C.B., Lieut.-Col. GRAVES and the Officers of the Regiment,

they intend holding their

LAST ENTERTAINMENT

this Season at the

CITY HALL THEATRE,

on

SATURDAY, 16th May,

when they will be favoured by the Assistance

of several well-known AMATEURS,

who have not yet appeared at these

CONCERTS, in addition to

those who have met with

favour at former Performances.

Through the kind permission of Col. GRAVES and Officers, the excellent band of

the Band will be present.

As the total proceeds, less necessary expenses, of this special effort will be devoted to the funds of the Temperance Hall, it is hoped the public will support the project in such numbers as will insure a good round sum being handed over to that deserving institution.

Dress Circle Reserved Seats \$2.00, may be acquired at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. for Reserved Seats in Orches-

tral Stalls \$1.00, Stalls \$0.50 each, may be obtained from Members of Committee and

Lane, Crawford & Co. Soilders and Sailors, Two Cents, on night of performance.

Doors open at 8.30; Concert to commence at 9 p.m. sharp.

Programmes to follow in a day or two.

G. H. SWALES, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 11, 1885. 777

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersignor for counter-

signature, and to take immediate delivery.

This cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex. Tariffs.

No mark and number, 18 bags of Seed,

from Yokohama.

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THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6797.—MAY 11, 1885.]

Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the Gordon Castle, from London, will leave Singapore for this port to-morrow.

As will be seen in another column, the 'Peoples' Concert Committee's efforts to entertain the public met with so much well deserved support in the Temperance Hall, advertise that they will give a concert in the City Hall. This will be the final effort of the Committee for the season, and, although the weather is now getting rather warm for holding public entertainments, we are sure the programme will be such as to draw out a large number of the Community. Their Excellencies the Governor, and Major-General Cameron have expressed their intention to attend. As the announcement states, the performers will consist of several well-known amateurs as well as those who met with success at the Temperance Hall. By permission of Col. Graves, and the Officers of the 'Buff' the band of the Regiment will also attend. We may state that the concert is to be given in aid of the funds of the Temperance Hall.

Two inquests were held at the mortuary this afternoon before the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wedelhouse, and a jury. In the first case the enquiry was concerning the death of a Chinese woman who died on Friday last from the effects of opium poison. The evidence went to show that the unfortunate woman had purposely swallowed an overdose of opium with the intention of doing away with herself. The jury returned a verdict of *felo de se*.

The other enquiry was with regard to the circumstances attending the death of a comrade employed at the Taku Sugor Refinery. On Saturday last deceased was employed on the 15th of April, the day of the large building unloading some sugar which was being conveyed to the upper floor by means of the lift. The wagon, with number of bags of sugar upon it, had reached the level of the floor upon which deceased was standing to receive it, when suddenly the chain which worked the pulley by which the wagon is raised, broke, and the end of the heavy chain recoiled with great force, striking deceased about the body and side and inflicting internal injuries from which he expired on the way to the Civil Hospital, to which he was at once sent. Another comrade who was standing close to deceased at the time of the accident also received some severe injuries about the head from the broken chain. The enquiry was adjourned till Thursday next at the Magistracy for the attendance of one of engineers from the Refinery to give evidence as to the cause of the accident.

The Russian transport St. Petersburg, with 320 emigrants, arrived at Singapore on the 1st instant, from Odessa, and was to leave for Vladivostok after coaling.

The Russian transport Kastroma arrived at Singapore on Saturday, the 2nd May, from Odessa, with 223 convicts (mostly Nihilists), and having loaded at the Borneo Co.'s Wharf, left on the 3rd for the island of Saghallen.

The French gunboat Leon, from Cherbourg, arrived at Singapore on the 4th instant, and was to leave for Suigo after coaling. Another French man-of-war passed through Singapore the same afternoon from the westward.

The M. M. Co.'s mail steamer Melbourne, which left Singapore on the 14th, arrived at Colombo on the 18th April, making the passage in a little over 4 days, and it is expected her Singapore mail will be delivered in London under 25 days from there.

Mr. (N.C.D.) News believes that at least one of the Russian volunteer crusaders which have been at Vladivostok for some time, has been ordered by telegraph to proceed to Hankow to load. This looks as if it was thought in Russia that there would be no war. Another vessel of this fleet, at present at Nagasaki, is expected across in a few days.

The French Government has chartered the following steamers for the conveyance of reinforcements to Tientsin:—Compagnie Transatlantique, Canada, France, and Salvador; Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, Amazon and Acre; Compagnie Nationale, Chanderborg, Ushio, and another; Compagnie Fransaise, Thibet and another.

Review.

FRANCE AND TONGKING.*

THOUSANDS of boats leave Ningpo at this time of the year to engage in fisher-fishing, but the French ships L. Géomètre, D'Estang, and Neddy, and off Kuang, the boatmen have been afloat to go out. Under these circumstances the Chinese authorities under fire of true have been communicating with the French commander on the subject.—N.C.D. News.

Says the N.C.D. News that the 6th instant. The last trip of the Ispat was a rapid one, and is worthy of mention. She left Shanghai at 5 a.m. on the 1st instant, thus making the round trip in four days twelve hours. At Nagasaki she took in 900 tons of coal as cargo, and 50 tons for ship's use, an operation which took eight hours and gave employment to 700 people.

The N.C.D. News hears from Foochow that Te Tueng-tung is on his last stage. His memory is so bad that he cannot remember one day what was told him the day before, and all the business of the camp has to be transacted by trusty subordinates. It is said that when news of the impending peace was conveyed to him the old man rose from his couch in delight. 'That is well,' he said; 'now I shall be able to go home and rest.'

The German steamer Fidèle, Captain Brock, arrived at Singapore on the 1st instant, from Hongkong, having a license from the Government here to carry 422 passengers, but having on board only 420. On arrival there, having no landing department, and on being measured the Captain was told he had 48 more passengers than was allowed by the local Passenger Ships' ordinance. On the following morning, Captain Brock was summoned before Mr. S. C. Court, Esq., Senior

Magistrate of Police, who imposed a fine of \$50 and in addition \$3 per head for each of the 48 passengers in excess of the number allowed by the local law. The total fines amounted to \$195.

The Chinese authorities, having laid traps of some of the ports, are now in a quandary, as they cannot find them again. On Sharp Peak, recently, a number of these torpedoes floated past the Yamen while that vessel was loading there for Shikuan. Some of these torpedoes were picked up, but others remained floating about. One passed within a few feet of the Yekin.—N.C.D. News.

The Standard, in a leading article on the France-China war, now happily concluded, puts the case very pitifully thus:—'The attempt to carry out aggression on the cheap, the failure to stop step by step, until this was committed by every available man to this war, has delayed Algeria of many of its most trusty auxiliary troops, has lost by fighting, and still more by disease, a very considerable number of men; and now finds herself, for all practical purposes, little better off than she was in the earlier stages of the

war.'

Says the Straits Times of the 4th instant:—

'It is reported that a young Jewish gentileman who was formerly a clerk to a well-known firm, but for the past three or four years has been doing business on his own account, has not turned up during the past two or three days, and is anxiously awaited by some of the Banks. We suppose it is him, as it is possible he may still be in Singapore, but it is whispered that there is some better reason than unlucky speculation in opium for his disappearance.'

On the 14th April, the Monkden correspondent of the N.C.D. News writes

to that paper as follows:—'At length,

indeed sooner than the most sanguine

of us anticipated, the telegraph is about

to unite us with the rest of the world

again. Posts were carried to the

French adventurer in Tonquin, when

a midshipman and a handful of sailors

would capture a citadel defended by a

thousand Annamites and lay down the law

to a whole province. Then, as more re-

cently, the Civil representative of the Go-

vernment would step in and render null and

void the heroic enterprise of naval officers

and pioneers of commerce. The same

chapter contains a very good description of

the natural features of the country, the

river and mountain systems, &c. Mr. Scott

estimated the population of Tonquin at

12,000,000. This is considerably below

the figures given by most French autho-

rities, some of whom place it as high as

20,000,000, but it is probably nearer the

actual number, as many former estimates

were founded upon an average which holds

good for the districts in this date, but are

not applicable to the, until recently, little-

known and thinly populated provinces of

the north. The annals of the country

generally are healthy, and Mr. Scott at-

ttributes the fever and dysentery which

have been prevalent amongst the French

garrisons to the improvidence of the soldiers.

The name of the country, Tongking, cor-

rupted from Don-kinh, meaning 'the

capital of the East,' was first applied to

Hanoi, but was afterwards assumed to do-

so by the French.

They are round, a little smaller than a

coin made in Hanoi, the author says:—

'They are round, a little smaller than a

shilling, with a square hole punched

through the middle. The best of them are

made of copper, mixed with from thirty to

forty per cent. of zinc, but the majority

are made of zinc and silver.

Sixty of them make a tien, ten tien make

a quan, and when they are whole the six

are severely wounded on the head, another

is stabb'd through the arm, and a third

through the hand, while two, or three

others were slightly wounded. A dog, of

the womb breed, which had made itself

rather objectionable to the intruders, re-

cived a frightful gash from a sword.'

A SPECIAL general meeting of the share-

holders in the Perak Sugar Cultivation

Company was held in the offices of the Co.

in Nanking Road, Shanghai, on the afternoons

of the 4th and 5th instants. Mr. W. Drav-

mond presided and there were shareholders

present representing 3,867 shares.

Two resolutions were passed:—(1) That

the Company be and it is hereby put in

liquidation; (2) That the affairs and assets

of the Company be and they are hereby

placed in the hands of a Committee of

Shareholders consisting of Messrs. W. S.

Wetmore, and E. G. Lov, with power to

liquidate and wind up the Company and to

enter into an agreement on behalf of the

Company for the absolute sale of the assets

of the Company to a Company with liability

and to wind up the Company.

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